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Edward Adams Farm
Reliance vicinity
c. 1860

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For a significant portion of the nineteenth century, this Fork election district farm was held by planter Minos Adams and his son Edward Adams. During the early 1840s, Minos Adams acquired part of a tract known as "Wilson's Plain Dealing" from the heirs of Jesse Wilson, some of whom had decided to leave Dorchester County and move to newer, less populous states of Ohio and Illinois. Hiram Wilson of Adams County, Illinois, and James S. Wilson and his wife Sarah, residing in Hamilton County, Ohio, conveyed their interests in "Wilson's Plain Dealing," land which bordered other holdings of Minos Adams and neighbors, Isaac Wright and Stoughton Tull. The two-story Greek Revival frame house was erected during the 1850s or 1860s. The farm was evidently occupied by Minos Adams's son, Edward. While Minos Adams wrote his will in 1855 leaving the "Wilson's Plain Dealing" farm to his son, the will did not enter probate until fifteen years later. During the third and fourth quarters of the nineteenth century, the

farm was occupied by Edward, who is designated on this site on the Fork election district map of the Atlas of Talbot and Dorchester Counties, printed in 1877. Edward Adams is also mentioned in the patron list owning 297 acres with a nativity in Dorchester County dating to 1833. The "Wilson's Plain Dealing" farm remained in Edward Adams's tenure until 1906 when he and his wife, Sela, who had relocated to nearby Seaford, Delaware, sold the farm and outbuildings to Stephen T. Waller for \$3,600. During the early to mid twentieth century, between World Wars I and II, the Adams farm was occupied by John N. Taylor, his wife Ida E. Taylor and their family. The construction of the gambrel roofed barn dates from the Taylor period of ownership. In 1940, two sons, Ira E. and T. Olen Taylor, sold the old Adams house and acreage to Jerome and Eunice Frampton, then residents of Caroline County. The property was known thereafter as the Frampton farm for the next forty-eight years.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-760

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Edward Adams Farm
other Taylor Farm, Frampton Farm

2. Location

street and number 6020 Reliance Road not for publication
city, town Reliance x vicinity
county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Benjamin Tull
street and number 4671 Osprey Lane telephone 302-629-8856
city, town Seaford state DE zip code 19973

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber MLB 477 folio 585
city, town Cambridge tax map 16 tax parcel 5 tax ID number 01-003194

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	2	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	2	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Edward Adams farm, also known as the Taylor farm or the Frampton farm, is located on the north side of the road connecting Eldorado and Reliance in the Fork election district of Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-story, gable-front frame farmhouse, dating around 1860-80, is located at the end of a long tree-line lane. The address for the farm is 6020 Reliance Road. The house faces east with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. Joining the house on the property is a large early twentieth century gambrel roofed dairy and hay barn.

Built around 1860-70, the two-story, side hall/double pile main block is supported on a continuous parged brick foundation and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding over plain weatherboards. The medium pitched gable-front roof is covered with seamed metal. Attached to the back of the main three-bay by four-bay mid nineteenth century dwelling is a two-story single-pile cross wing dating to the third quarter of the nineteenth century. Extending northward from the nineteenth century dwelling is a single-story hyphen that joins the house is a single-story garage.

The east (main) elevation is a three-bay façade with a side entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. Three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows light the second floor. The entrance bay has been reworked with a recessed doorway inset within the plane of the exterior wall. The front door is a modern replacement. The corners of the main elevation are trimmed with wide pilasters that rise to a enclosed Greek Revival pediment. Piercing the tympanum is a four-over-four sash window spanned by a segmental arched lintel.

Defining the south wall of the main block are series of four six-over-six sash windows on each floor, and the base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice. The north side is similarly finished, however part of the wall is covered by the single-story hyphen dating to the late twentieth century.

The rear cross wing is a two-story single-pile frame structure that has a four-bay west elevation, which is extended on the first floor by a single-story enclosed shed roof porch. The gable ends have single six-over-six sash windows on each floor, and small two-pane windows light the attic. Finishing the edge of the roof is an extended eave with returns at the base of the roof.

Standing north of the house is a large gambrel roofed dairy and hay barn. The first story is built of plain concrete block, whereas the second level and gable ends are sheathed with vertical board siding. A series of window and door openings mark the first floor which is divided into separate animal stalls. The barn faces west with the gambrel roofed oriented on an east/west axis.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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¹ Dorchester County Land Records, WJ 1/167, 4 May 1842; WJ 1/608, 24 July 1843, Dorchester County Courthouse.

² Dorchester County Register of Wills, EWL 1/460, Written 9 May 1855, probated 3 January 1870, Dorchester County Courthouse.

³ John L. Graham, *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*. Salisbury, MD: Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, 1976, p. 66.

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County dating to 1833. The "Wilson's Plain Dealing" farm remained in Edward Adams's tenure until 1906 when he and his wife, Sela, who had relocated to nearby Seaford, Delaware, sold the property to Dorchester County farmer, Stephen T. Waller, for \$3,600.⁴ During the early to mid twentieth century, between World Wars I and II, the Adams farm was occupied by John M. Taylor, his wife Ida E. Taylor and their family.⁵ The construction of the gambrel roofed barn dates from the Taylor period of ownership. In 1940, two sons, Ira E. and T. Olen Taylor, sold the old Adams house and acreage to Jerome and Eunice Frampton, then residents of Caroline County.⁶ The property was known thereafter as the Frampton farm for the next forty-eight years.⁷

⁴ Dorchester County Land Record, CL 31/579, 13 January 1906, Dorchester County Courthouse.

⁵ Dorchester County Land Record, WHM 4/604, 18 May 1916, Dorchester County Courthouse.

⁶ Dorchester County Land Record, RSM 42/67, 22 November 1940, Dorchester County Courthouse.

⁷ Dorchester County Land Record, 250/567, 15 June 1988, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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6020 Reliance Road
Reliance vicinity, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 16, Parcel 5 167.12 acres

MLB 477/585 Mary F. Beach, now known as Mary Frampton and Stephen Eugene
Beach, Glen Richard Beach, Successor trustees of the Eugene H. Beach
Revocable Trust

to

3.19.2002 Benjamin Tull

356/597 Eugene H. Beach

to

5.1.1997 Eugene H. Beach, trustee

50 % tenant in common

First: "Taylor Farm" 171 95/100ths acres

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250/567

Jerome Frampton, Jr. and Margaret H. Frampton

to

6.15.1988

Mary F. Beach and Eugene H. Beach

RSM 100/537

J. Jerome Frampton and Eunice A. Frampton

to

5.22.1956

Jerome Frampton, Jr. and Margaret H. Frampton

171 95/100ths acres

RSM 42/67

Ira E. Taylor and T. Olen Taylor, Executors of Ida E. Taylor, dec'd

to

11.22.1940

J. Jerome Frampton and Eunice A. Frampton, Caroline Co., MD

Dorchester County
Will Book

Last Will and Testament of John M. Taylor

to, wife

Ida E. Taylor

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WHM 4/604

Conrad Schaefer and wife Emma L. Schaefer

to

5.18.1916

John M. Taylor

\$10,800.00...being part of one of the several tracts of land of which
Minos Adams died seized, as is set forth in his last will and
Testament, EWL 1/460, 5.9.1855, and being all the same land
conveyed to Stephen T. Waller from Edward Adams, dated
1.13.1906, CL 13/579

WHM 4/215

Stephen T. Waller and Edith M. Waller

to

12.29.1917

Conrad Schaefer

\$10,800.00 171 95/100ths acres

CL 31/579

Edward Adams and Sela Adams, Seaford, Delaware

to

1.13.1906

Stephen T. Waller, Dorchester Co., Maryland

\$3,600.00 171 95/100ths acres

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1877 Atlas of Talbot and Dorchester Counties, Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson
E. Adams on Fork Election District map,
Patron List, Edward Adams, Farmer, 275 acres, Nativity-Dorchester Co, 1833

EWL 1/460

Last Will and Testament of Minos Adams

to

Written
5.9.1855
Proved
1.3.1870

wife, Peggy, during her widowhood, all the following parcels

Item 2nd, to my son Edward Adams all that land and improvements
conveyed to me by six of the heirs of Jesse Wilson

WJ 1/608

Hiram Wilson, Adams County, Illinois

to

7.24.1843

Minos Adams, Dorchester County

"Wilson's Plain Dealing" adjoining land of Isaac Wright, Minos
Adams and Stoughton Tull and others, which said part of Wilson's
Plain Dealing... James Wilson...dec'd, in his last will and testament
gave to the children of his dec'd son Jesse Wilson

\$115.00

WJ 1/167

James S. Wilson and Sarah Ann Wilson, Hamilton Co., Ohio

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to

5.4.1842

Minos Adams, Dorchester County

\$100.00 "Wilson's Plain Dealing" adjoining lands of Isaac
Wright, Minos Adams, Stoughton Tull

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.

John L. Graham, *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Salisbury, MD: Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property

Acreage of historical setting

Quadrangle name

171 95/100ths acres

Seaford, DEL-MD Quad.

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this sureyed property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake County Heritage & Preservation	date	3/18/2008
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photograph taken 1954. Topography by planetable surveys 1955

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Delaware and Maryland
coordinate systems

D-760, Edward Adams Farm
Seaford West, DEL.-MD 1955

TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH
APPROXIMATE MEAN
DECLINATION, 1955

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EDWARD ADAMS FARM

RELIANCE VIC., DORCHESTER CO., MASS.
SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

3/08, PAUL FOUART, PHOTOGRAPHER
NEE. / MID. HISTORICAL TRUST



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Edwards Adams Farm

Reliance vic., Dorchester Co., Md.

Northwest Elevation

3/08, Paul Touart, Photographer

Wet./Md. Historical Trust



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EDWARDS ADAMS FARM
RELINANCE VIC, DORCHESTER Co., MD.
NORTHWEST ELEVATION
3/08, PAUL TOWANT, PHOTOGRAPHER
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EDWARDS ADAMS FARM

RELIANCE VIL., DORCHESTER Co., MD.

SOUTH ELEVATION OF BARN

3/08, PAUL TONANT, PHOTOGRAPHER

WEG./MD. HISTORICAL TRUST